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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #18

Sitka... Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Cape Burunof to Salisbury Sound including Shelikof Bay. Weather during today's flight was good with 15-25 knot winds and mostly clear skies. Small schools of herring were observed south of Sitka between the bridge and Thimbleberry Bay, and north of Sitka between Promisla Bay and Beehive Island including within the Siginaka Islands. Approximately 4.2 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed today. New spawn was observed in Eastern Bay and the Siginaka Islands, and older spawn was observed on Inner Point and Mountain Point. Herring predators were spread out, concentrations were seen in shallower waters between St. Lazaria Island and Inner Point, and in Eastern Bay.

Cumulative spawn mileage to date is approximately 12.3 nmi.

The next Fishery Update can be expected on Monday, April 2, 2018.

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